

AG CAREER PATH (IDW/AW)



Aerographer's Mates are the Navy's Meteorological and Oceanographic (METOC) experts, trained in the science of meteorology and physical oceanography. AGs forecast meteorological and oceanographic conditions, prepare and present briefings concerning environmental impacts and effects on combat operations.

YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/SHORE FLOW	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
24-30	AGCM	21.7 Yrs	CMC	36	7 th Tour Billet: CMC/CMDCM/ METOC Manager. Duty: Staff/Ops Command Qualification: SEA
20-24	AGCM AGCS	21.7 Yrs 18.1	CMC, CSC	36	6 th Tour Billet: METOC Manager/OPS LCPO/SEL. Duty: Operational Command Qualification: SEA
16-20	AGCS AGC	18.1 Yrs 13.5	LDO, OCS, MECP, CSC, Recruiter, RDC, Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Brig Duty, NAVLEAD Instructor	36	5 th Tour Billet: METOC Manager/OPS LCPO/Dept LCPO. Duty: Operational Command Qualification: Master FCSTR.
12-16	AGC	13.5 Yrs		36	4 th Tour Billet: INSTR/FCSTR/LCPO Duty: SGOT, FWC, MIW, ASW, FST, NSW, schoolhouse. Qualification: Master FCSTR.
8-12	AG1	8.2 Yrs		36	3 rd Tour Billet: INSTR/FCSTR/LPO Duty: SGOT, FWC, MIW, ASW, FST, NSW, schoolhouse. Qualification: Journeyman/Master Forecaster.
5-8	AG1 AG2	8.2 Yrs 3.5	STA-21, OCS, MECP, Naval Academy, NROTC, Recruiter, RDC, USS CONSTITUTION, Brig Duty	36	2 nd Tour Billet: Forecaster Duty: SGOT, FWC, MIW, ASW, FST, NSW. Qualification: Journeyman FCSTR, IDW/EAWS/ESWS/EXW.
1-5	AG2 AG3	3.5 Yrs 1.8	Naval Academy, NROTC	36/24	1 st Tour (See Note) Billet: Forecaster/Apprentice Duty: SGOT, FWC, MIW, ASW, FST, NSW. Qualification: Appr FCSTR, IDW/EAWS/ESWS/EXW.
1+/-	AG3 AGAN AGAA Accession Training	9 Months			Recruit Training and all schools or training events required to be completed prior to reporting to their first operational command.
YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/SHORE ROTATION	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT



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Notes:

- 1. AG is an "A" School Required Rating.
- 2. The METOC Community is aligned under different warfare areas. These areas include Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW); Mine Warfare (MIW); Naval Special Warfare (NSW); Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR); Strike Group Oceanography Team (SGOT); Aviation (AVN); and Maritime (MAR). Some warfare areas are sea duty intensive (SGOT and NSW), while others are primarily shore-based (AVN, MAR, and ISR). ASW and MIW offer sea duty in the form of deployable "fly-away" teams as well as shore duty within their respective Reach-Back Cell (RBC), providing 24/7 support to anywhere in the world. AGs will typically work in several warfare areas during their career.
- 3. First tour upon completion of AG "A" school will either be 24 months for initial shore tour or 36 months for initial sea tour, then 36/36 thereafter.